

California Medical Association



NOTICES AND REPORTS

Council Meeting Minutes

Tentative Draft: Minutes of the 526th Meeting of the Council, San Francisco, Hilton Inn, 22 November 1966.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Anderson at the Hilton Inn near San Francisco on Tuesday, 22 November 1966, at 7:00 p.m.

A quorum present and acting (full roll call, including names of invited guests, appears at the end of these minutes).

Purpose of this special meeting of the Council, as described by Doctor Anderson, pertained to the implications of changes in the legislative and executive branches of State government resulting from the election of 8 November 1966.

After due consideration of many aspects of the change-over in State government, the Council:

ACTION: Voted to support the concept of a single administrative agency for the Medi-Cal program in California, namely the Health and Welfare Agency.

ACTION: Voted approval of a joint search committee composed of members of the California Medical Association and the California Hospital Association. Purposes of the search committee include development of criteria for positions in the executive branch in which medicine and hospitals may have an interest, development of a list of suggested nominees for these various positions and contacts to be made with the

new State administration. (Included on the joint search committee from CMA are: President MacLaggan, President-Elect Morrison, Legal Counsel Hassard, and Mr. Ben Read of the Public Health League. From the California Hospital Association: President Jackson, President-Elect Cumming, Mr. Emery Dowell, and Legal Counsel Ludlam.) Consultation from CMA Councilors and other interested persons will be invited by the search committee.

ACTION: Voted for the search committee to use a joint CMA-CHA letterhead as the need arises, provided the letters are signed by the presidents of both organizations.

ACTION: Voted that the Council express officially its willingness to assist the new administration of Governor-Elect Reagan on matters of health care.

ACTION: Voted to offer to the California Health and Welfare Agency the good offices of the CMA in trying to correct abuses in nursing home boarding home utilization.

Roll Call

Present were President MacLaggan, President-Elect Morrison, Speaker Quinn, Vice-Speaker Telford, Secretary Weyrauch, and Councilors Isen-

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hour, Eastman, Todd, Goel, Bullock, O'Connor, Ham, Rogers, Crum, Maguire, Burnett, Richard S. Wilbur, Miller, Watts, Fenlon, Kay, Kaiser, Anderson, Yant, Grunigen, and Immediate Past President Teall. Absent for cause were Editor Dwight L. Wilbur and Councilors Melone, Taw, Boyle and Longmire.

Present by invitation were CMA staff members Bowman, Clark, J. Collins, Curley, Eberlein, Goldman, Hetland, Lemos, Miller, Thomas and Whelan; Messrs. Hassard and Huber, legal counsel; Messrs. Read, Brown and Putnam of the Public Health League; and Doctors Kilroy and Sherman.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:15 p.m.

CARL E. ANDERSON, M.D., *Chairman*

HELEN B. WEYRAUCH, M.D., *Secretary*

527th Meeting

Tentative Draft: Minutes of the 527th Meeting of the Council, San Francisco, Hyatt House, 10 December 1966.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Anderson at the Hyatt House near San Francisco on Saturday, 10 December 1966, at 11:15 a.m.

A quorum present and acting (full roll call, including names of invited guests, appears in Item 38).

1. Minutes for Approval

The minutes of the 525th meeting of the Council, held 29 October 1966, were approved with the following changes:

(a) Addition of representatives of component societies which maintain medical libraries to the ad hoc Committee on Medical Libraries (Item 8).

(b) Correction of the name of a new Associate member—Thomas H. Hindle, III of Imperial County (Item 42).

The minutes of the 526th meeting of the Council, held 22 November 1966, were approved as submitted.

2. Report of the President

President MacLaggan informed the Council that the next meeting of the Health Manpower Council will be held the first weekend in February. He asked that a monetary contribution of \$25,000 be made to the Health Manpower Council this year, with a commitment that, if necessary, the same amount be contributed for two more years.

ACTION: Voted to approve an appropriation of \$25,000 to the Health Manpower Council for this year, with a commitment for a contribution of the same amount for two more years if necessary.

Doctor MacLaggan also reported on activities of the "joint search committee" composed of members of the CMA and the California Hospital Association. At the 22 November 1966 meeting of the Council, the joint committee was authorized to proceed in helping the new State administration in locating qualified persons to fill governmental posts in which medicine and hospitals may have an interest. Since that time, Doctor MacLaggan stated, the joint committee has contacted the four regional groups advising Governor-Elect Reagan on appointments and has sent a joint CMA-CHA letter offering assistance.

3. Report of the President-Elect

President-Elect Morrison stated that he had attended interim hearings on drug costs in Sacramento as the CMA representative, but had not found it necessary to testify. He said that the Committee on Committees had no report but would be meeting at an all-day session sometime in the near future.

4. State Health and Welfare Agency

Mr. Paul Ward, administrator of the Health and Welfare Agency, reviewed recent events involving the Medi-Cal Program. He spoke on two areas that have had major impact on the program: The unanticipated increase in utilization of nursing homes beds, and the Attorney General's interpretation of the Veneman amendment. There was discussion on certain portions of the regulations and their impending modification, with special emphasis on the definition of x-ray and laboratory services, the definition of "provider of service" as it is interpreted in the Federal and State laws, and the direct billing concept under Medi-Cal.

Mr. Ward thanked the Council for its cooperation. The Council, in turn, expressed its appreciation to Mr. Ward, giving him a standing ovation.